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On January 29, 2000 President Clinton addressed the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, the first U.S. president ever to attend this meeting. In his speech he reaffirmed that open markets and rules-based trade are the best engine to lift living standards, reduce environmental destruction and build shared prosperity.

President Clinton stated his belief of the importance for China to join the World Trade Organization, to ensure that China's markets are open to us, as we have our markets open to China. The U.S. is about 22 percent of the world's economy and every year we buy between 33 and 40 percent of all China's exports. Trade is especially important for developing nations. From the 1970's to the early '90's, developing countries that chose growth through trade grew at least twice as fast as those who chose not to open to the world. The most open countries had growth that was six times as fast.

Europe, for the most part, should put its agricultural subsidies on the table. If even one-third of the world's subsidies and tariffs in agriculture were eliminated, the poorest developing countries that could export would gain more than \$4 billion in economic benefits every single year.

The developed countries who want an open trading system that has the trust and confidence of developing countries should also contribute to indigenous economic development. One example is the United States Agency for International Development. Each year this agency funds about 2 million micro-enterprise loans in poor communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America. This does not have any direct impact on international trade, yet it does make the society stronger, the economy stronger and increases the stability and long-term prospects of those nations. We shouldn't do anything to stunt the economic growth and development of any developing nation. However, developing nations do not need to make the mistakes most developed countries made, in terms of worker development and the environment.

Since World War II there have been eight separate rounds of multilateral trade negotiations and hundreds of trade agreements signed. Global trade has increased fifteen-fold, contributing to the most rapid sustained and widely shared growth ever recorded.

President Clinton ended his speech by saying economic change has the potential to open possibilities for poor people all over the world. We need to find a way to let the dissenters have their say and turn them into constructive partners. Economics must be blended with other legitimate human concerns.

Source: The White House, Office of the Press Secretary

Mexico Highlights

According to a local news report in Mexico, local state and county police are cracking down on safety violations of Mexican trucks entering the United States. Along the entire Mexican border, Mexican transfer companies are reporting an increased number of trucks being taken out of service by local Texas authorities. The problem seems to be worse in Nuevo Laredo where 150 trucks have been removed from service (report dated January 13). More drivers are also being fined up to \$500 per violation of safety standards. This is causing delays in transferring trailers into Mexico at some border ports. The maquiladores (workers) along the border are the most affected by the crackdown.

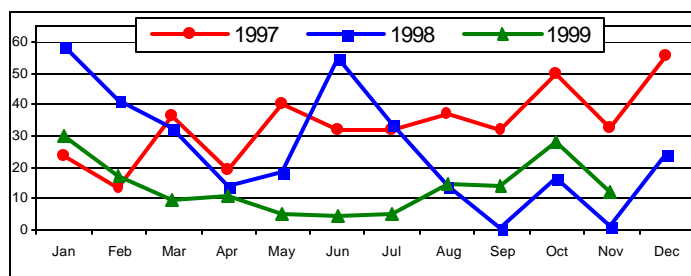
U.S. Poultry Reverse Trade Mission

USAPEEC is organizing a reverse trade mission of Mexican meat packers to visit U.S. processing plants so they can meet and see, firsthand, various U.S. suppliers and the services they offer. The mission will be in Mid-May, 2000 at U.S. poultry processing plants in several U.S. locations.

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Source: USDA/Foreign Agricultural Service, FAS/Mexico

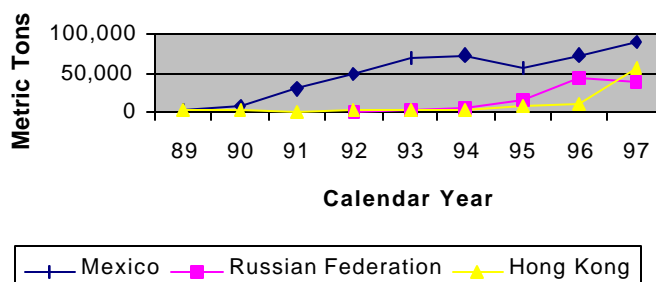
Frozen Leg Quarters Exported from the U.S. to Russia



In Thousand Metric Tons

Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

U.S. Turkey Meat Exports



Source: Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade NOT AVAILABLE

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 22-JAN-00
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,030	1,229	3,259
LAST WEEK	2,149	1,283	3,432
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,408	1,211	3,619
TO-DATE/2000	6,186	4,138	10,324
TO-DATE/1999	6,796	4,071	10,867

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	663	0	663
LAST WEEK	432	0	432
SAME WEEK YR AGO	475	14	489
TO-DATE/2000	1,524	0	1,524
TO-DATE/1999	1,390	14	1,404

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,693	1,229	3,922
LAST WEEK	2,581	1,283	3,864
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,883	1,225	4,108
TO-DATE/2000	7,710	4,138	11,848
TO-DATE/1999	8,186	4,085	12,271

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 28-JAN-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
	DOCK	DOCK	DOCK	DOCK
FAT				
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	19.00	-	14.00-19.00
WTD AVERAGE		19.00		18.00
142,800 pounds, this includes 40,800 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	13.50-15.00	15.50-17.00	10.00-13.00	13.00-17.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.17	16.25	11.24	13.47
1,346,400 pounds, this includes 326,400 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 15-JAN-00
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,149	1,283	3,432
LAST WEEK	2,007	1,626	3,633
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,252	1,470	3,722
TO-DATE/2000	4,156	2,909	7,065
TO-DATE/1999	4,388	2,860	7,248

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	432	0	432
LAST WEEK	429	0	429
SAME WEEK YR AGO	436	0	436
TO-DATE/2000	861	0	861
TO-DATE/1999	915	0	915

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL
	HENS	HENS	HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	2,581	1,283	3,864
LAST WEEK	2,436	1,626	4,062
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,688	1,470	4,158
TO-DATE/2000	5,017	2,909	7,926
TO-DATE/1999	5,303	2,860	8,163

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 28-JAN-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
	DOCK	DOCK	DOCK	DOCK
FAT				
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	18.00	-	17.00	18.00
WTD AVERAGE	18.00		17.00	18.00

360,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS				
RANGE	15.00-16.00	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	15.33			
600,000 pounds, this includes 400,000 pounds for export shipment.				
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-15.00	16.00	11.00-14.00	12.00-14.00
WTD AVERAGE	14.18	16.00	11.52	13.23
2,480,000 pounds, this includes 840,000 pounds for export shipment.				
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	12.75
WTD AVERAGE				12.75

280,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT

FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
JANUARY 28, 2000

Undertone steady to barely steady on destrapped tenderloins and tom breast meat with increased confidence noted in the market on fresh tom breast meat. Dark meat undertone steady to barely steady on tom drums and mixed on thigh meat. Undertone barely steady to weak on 4-8 lb. breasts and mechanically separated turkey. Demand fair to good on tom breast meat with the best interest noted on fresh, good on drums and fair to good on thigh meat for export, balance light to instances fair. Trading heavy on tom drums for export, fair on frozen tom breast meat and light on the balance of items. Offerings mixed and held with varying degrees of confidence. For export: hen and tom necks (1 mixed rail-car) 15, tom defatted gizzards (1 container) 65 cents delivered.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	19.00-21.00		19.81	1,816	19.99	2,568
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS						
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	21.00		21.00	104	20.67	312
TAILS		R	17.50	184	17.50	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	15.50		15.50	52	15.50	364
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	62.00-66.00		63.29	280	61.10	878

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00-21.25		20.67	472
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.50		20.50	208
TAILS	17.50		17.50	184
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/	13.50-16.50		15.50	312
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	57.00-66.50		60.11	438

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	120
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	21.29	364
TAILS		R	17.86	288
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	60.00	160

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS		M	20.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	21.29	364
TAILS		R	17.86	288
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		M	60.00	160

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2000**EXPORT TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	20.00		20.00	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS				
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	21.29	364
TAILS		R	17.86	288
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/				
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	60.00		60.00	160

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

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